

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 4, 2002

IN RE:

PETITION OF UNITED CITIES GAS FOR
APPROVAL OF VARIOUS FRANCHISE
AGREEMENTS

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DOCKET NO. 00-00562

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO INTERVENE FILED BY
THE CITY OF BRISTOL

On December 11, 2001, the City of Bristol, Tennessee ("Bristol") filed the *Motion of City of Bristol to Intervene* in this matter. In its *Motion to Intervene*, Bristol states that "[s]ubstantial legal interests of the citizens of Bristol, acting through their elected representatives, to enter into a franchise agreement are at issue and will likely be determined in this proceeding."¹ No person has objected to Bristol's *Petition to Intervene*.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310(a) sets forth the following criteria for granting petitions for intervention:

4-5-310. Intervention

(a) The administrative judge or hearing officer shall grant one (1) or more petitions for intervention if:

- (1) The petition is submitted in writing to the administrative judge or hearing officer, with copies mailed to all parties named in the notice of the hearing, at least seven (7) days before the hearing;

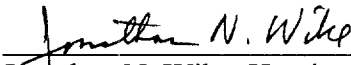
¹ *Petition to Intervene*, December 11, 2001, p. 2.


- (2) The petition states facts demonstrating that the petitioner's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interest may be determined in the proceeding or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor under any provision of law; and
- (3) The administrative judge or hearing officer determines that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings shall not be impaired by allowing the intervention.

The Hearing Officer finds that the petition for intervention filed by Bristol complies with the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310, Bristol's *Petition to Intervene* is granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The City of Bristol, Tennessee is hereby given leave to intervene and receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents herein.
2. Any party aggrieved by the decision of the Pre-Hearing Officer in this matter may file a Petition for Appeal with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order.


Jonathan N. Wike, Hearing Officer


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary